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REFERENCE TO:

AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY,
IRAQ-JORDAN BORDER

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MILITARY AIRFIELDS AND HANGARETTES WILL REDUCE THE VULNERABILITY OF THE IRAQI AIR FORCE TO AN AIR STRIKE AND WILL ENHANCE IRAQ'S MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN ANY FUTURE CONFRONTATION WITH ISRAEL.

2. LOCATION:

H-3 AIRFIELD -- IN WESTERN IRAQ, IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF H-3 CRUDE PETROLEUM PUMPING STATION AT 32-56N 039-44E.

H-3 AIRFIELD NW -- 11.5 NM NW OF H-3 AIRFIELD AT 33-04N 039-36E.

H-3 AIRFIELD NE -- 10.5 NM NE OF H-3 AIRFIELD AT 32-02N 039-54E.

H-3 AIRFIELD SW -- 14 NM SSW OF H-3 AIRFIELD, AT 32-44N 039-36E.

H-4 AIRFIELD NEW -- 2.2 NM NORTH OF H-4 CRUDE PETROLEUM PUMPING STATION AND APPROXIMATELY 80 NM WSW OF H-3 AIRFIELD AT 32-32N 038-11E.

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RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD -- 50 NM ESE OF H-4 AIRFIELD
AND 3.5 NM W OF THE IRAQ-JORDAN BORDER AT
32-24N 039-08E.

WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIIP -- 42.2 NM ENE
OF H-4 AIRFIELD AND APPROXIMATELY 40 NM WSW OF
H-3 AIRFIELD AT 32-43N 038-57E.

H-3 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIIP -- 22.5 NM WSW OF H-3
AIRFIELD AT 32-51N 039-18E.

3. REMARKS:

THE H-3 AREA IS SERVING AS A STAGING BASE FOR
DEPLOYMENT OF IRAQI FORCES TO JORDAN. THE H-3
AIRFIELD WAS THE ONLY IRAQI AIRFIELD STRUCK
DURING THE JUN 67 WAR. SINCE THAT TIME, THE
IRAQI AIR FORCE HAS UNDERTAKEN THE TASK OF
CONSTRUCTING THREE NEW SATELLITE AIRFIELDS AND
A HIGHWAY AIRSTRIIP IN THE H-3 COMPLEX WHICH
ARE CAPABLE OF HANDLING JET AIRCRAFT. THE RUN-
WAYS AND FACILITIES OF THESE AIRFIELDS ARE
IDENTICAL TO THOSE FOUND IN JORDAN'S RUWAYSHID
AIRFIELD AND H-4 AIRFIELD NEW. IN ADDITION,
HANGARETTES CAPABLE OF HOUSING A TOTAL OF 48

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AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED OR ARE UNDER
CONSTRUCTION AT FIVE OF THE AIRFIELDS.

4. COLLATERAL:

IN JAN 64, THE ARAB LEADERS FORMED THE UNITED
ARAB COMMAND (UAC) WITH THE PURPOSE OF EXPANDING
THE FORCES OF JORDAN, SYRIA, LEBANON, AND IRAQ
AS A DEFENSIVE MEASURE AGAINST ISRAEL. A
SUBSEQUENT UAC DECISION WAS TO CONSTRUCT A JET
AIRFIELD AT H-3 WHICH WOULD BE COMPLETED BY
JAN 65. SINCE THE JUN 67 WAR, A TASK FORCE OF
MORE THAN 20,000 IRAQI TROOPS, KNOWN AS THE
SALAH AL-DIN FORCE, HAS BEEN DEPLOYED THROUGH
THIS COMPLEX TO BOLSTER JORDANIAN FORCES.
COLLATERAL REPORTS OF JUN AND DEC 68 REPORTED
THE PRESENCE OF CONCRETE AND STEEL "UNDERGROUND
ANCILLARY" INSTALLATIONS, POSSIBLY FOR USE AS
DISPERSAL AND REDEPLOYMENT AREAS, IN AN ADVANCED
STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA OF H-3 AIRFIELD.
A SECOND COLLATERAL SOURCE OF OCT 68 REPORTED THE
CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MILITARY AIRFIELDS NEAR THE
JORDAN/IRAQ FRONTIER AND AT H-4 AIRFIELD, AND DUE TO

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BE COMPLETED IN NOV 68. (SEC/NF)

5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

H-3 AIRFIELD - [REDACTED] 25X1

H-3 AIRFIELD NW -- [REDACTED] 25X1

H-3 AIRFIELD NE --

H-3 AIRFIELD SW --

H-4 AIRFIELD NEW --

RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD

WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- [REDACTED] 25X1

H-3 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- [REDACTED] 25X1

6. NEGATION DATE:

H-3 AIRFIELD NW, H-3 AIRFIELD NE, H-3 AIRFIELD SW,

H-4 AIRFIELD NEW AND RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD - [REDACTED] 25X1

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WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP AND H-3 HIGHWAY

AIRSTRIP -- [REDACTED] 25X1

7. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS:

H-3 AIRFIELD -- [REDACTED] 25X1

H-3 AIRFIELD NW -- 8,225 X 100-FOOT NW/SE BLACKTOP
RUNWAY WITH CONCRETE TOUCHDOWNS AND BLACKTOP OVERRUNS.

H-3 AIRFIELD NE -- [REDACTED] BLACKTOP RUNW 25X1

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H-3 AIRFIELD SW -- 8,225 X 100-FOOT NW/SE

BLACKTOP RUNWAY WITH CONCRETE TOUCHDOWNS AT
EACH END AND BLACKTOP OVERRUNS.

H-4 AIRFIELD NEW -- 8,225 X 100-FOOT WNW/ESE

BLACKTOP RUNWAY WITH CONCRETE TOUCHDOWNS AND
BLACKTOP OVERRUNS AT EACH END.

RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD -- 8,225 X 100-FOOT ESE/
WNW BLACKTOP RUNWAY WITH CONCRETE TOUCHDOWNS
AND BLACKTOP OVERRUNS AT EACH END.

WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- 9,975 X 70-
FOOT ENE/WSW SERVICEABLE BLACKTOP AIRSTRIP.

H-3 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- 10,060 X 70-
FOOT E/W AIRSTRIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

8. MISSION READOUT:

REVEAL THE FOLLOWING

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ACTIVITY:

H-3 AIRFIELD -- THREE DOUBLE-BAY AND FOUR SINGLE-BAY
HANGARETTES ARE COMPLETE. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON ONE DOUBLE-BAY AND
FOUR SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES. TAXIWAYS LEADING TO EIGHT OF THE HANGARETTES
HAVE BEEN BLACKTOPPED. THE TAXIWAYS TO THE REMAINING FOUR HANGARETTES ARE
UNDER CONSTRUCTION. A TOTAL OF FOUR DOUBLE-BAY AND EIGHT SINGLE-BAY

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HANGARETTES IS AT THIS AIRFIELD. A PROBABLE POL STORAGE FACILITY APPROXIMATELY 2 NM SW OF THE RUNWAY CENTER CONTAINS FOUR AREAS (THREE OF WHICH ARE PROBABLY COMPLETE), EACH CONTAINING FIVE BURIED HORIZONTAL TANKS. THE FOURTH AREA IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND CONTAINS FIVE HORIZONTAL TANKS, ONE OF WHICH IS BURIED (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC).

OB -- 3 FISHBED, 6 HUNTER AND 2 HOUND.

H-3 AIRFIELD NW [] THE RUNWAY IS COMPLETE AND SERVICEABLE. FOUR SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES AT THE NW END OF THE RUNWAY ARE IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. FOUR SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES AT THE SE END OF THE RUNWAY ARE IN THE EARLY AND MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

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OB -- NONE.

H-3 AIRFIELD NE -- (REANALYSIS OF [] CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUNWAY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION ON []

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H-3 AIRFIELD SW -- [] THE RUNWAY IS COMPLETE AND SERVICEABLE. EIGHT LINK TAXIWAYS CONNECTING THE HANGARETTES TO THE RUNWAY ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED. THE FOUR SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES NEAR THE NW END OF THE RUNWAY ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, AND THE FOUR SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES NEAR THE SE END OF THE RUNWAY ARE IN THE EARLY AND MID STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. A POL STORAGE AREA IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1.2 NM NNE OF THE RUNWAY CENTER.

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OB -- NONE.

H-4 AIRFIELD NEW -- [REDACTED] THE RUNWAY IS COMPLETE AND SERVICEABLE. 25X1
EIGHT LINK TAXIWAYS CONNECTING THE HANGARETTES TO THE RUNWAY HAVE BEEN
CONSTRUCTED. SEVEN OF THE TAXIWAYS APPEAR COMPLETE AND THE EIGHTH IS BEING
SURFACED. THE EIGHT SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES ARE COMPLETE. A POL STORAGE
FACILITY HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED .8 NM SE OF THE RUNWAY.

OB -- 1 DEVON/DOVE.

RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD -- [REDACTED] THE RUNWAY IS COMPLETE AND SERVICEABLE. 25X1
CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE EIGHT SINGLE-BAY HANGARETTES, TAXIWAYS, AND A
POL STORAGE AREA.

OB -- NONE.

WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- [REDACTED] THE WIDENED SECTION 25X1
OF THE HIGHWAY HAS BEEN BLACKTOPPED AND THE AIRSTRIP IS SERVICEABLE. A
BYPASS ROAD HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

OB -- NONE.

H-3 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP -- [REDACTED] A RUNWAY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 25X1
ON THE WIDENED ROADBED.

OB -- NONE.

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ENLARGEMENT FACTOR: H-3 AIRFIELD 2.5X
H-3 AIRFIELD NW 20X
H-3 AIRFIELD NE 20X
H-3 AIRFIELD SW 3X
H-4 AIRFIELD NEW 3X
RUWAYSHID AIRFIELD 4X
WADI EL MURBAH HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP 20X
H-3 HIGHWAY AIRSTRIP 20X

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